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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DETENTION OF FATHER GERALD WHEELAN

1. DONALD WHEELAN CALLED THE DESK NOVEMBER 5 INQUIRING ABOUT HIS BROTHER GERALD. HE ASKED THE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE INQUIRIES WITH THE GOC ABOUT HIS BROTHER. HE ALSO ASKED IF THERE WOULD BE ANY PURPOSE IN HIS GOING TO CHILE. THE DESK TOLD HIM THAT NO PURPOSE WOULD BE SERVED AT THIS POINT. WE SAID WE WOULD CHECK WITH THE EMBASSY.

2. WHEELAN CONFIRMED HIS BROTHER HAD RENOUNCED HIS CITIZENSHIP IN 1972 IN ORDER TO CONTINUE HIS WORK IN CHILE AS HEAD OF ST. GEORGE'S COLLEGE. HE CLAIMED THAT AT THAT TIME ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE WITH THE EMBASSY TO RECLAIM HIS U.S. CITIZENSHIP WHEN HIS MISSION IN CHILE TERMINATED. WE EXPLAINED OUR DOUBTS THAT SUCH A BARGAIN COULD HAVE BEEN STRUCK. HE INSISTED SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT EXISTS.

3. WE RECOGNIZE THE EMBASSY HAS ITS HANDS FULL RIGHT NOW. HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF FATHER
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WHEELAN'S SITUATION IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO QUERIES HERE.

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